

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-10, 13-21, and 24-45 are cancelled. Claims 11-12 and 22-23 remain in this application and, as amended herein, are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 11, 12, 22, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sibyama (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0154213 A1). It is submitted, however, that the claims are patentably distinguishable over Sibyama.

The Sibyama publication shows, in Fig. 1, an image collecting device. However, the publication is not concerned with guide information and is not concerned with guide content.

Therefore, Sibyama does not disclose or suggest:

guide information transmitting means for transmitting guide information to a terminal through a network, the guide information including site information and map data, the site information including site positional information for specifying a position of a site, the map data including positional information on a map for each site;

user information receiving means for receiving user information generated by a user and for correlating the user information to the guide information;

guide content generating means for generating guide content that includes the guide information, the user information, and a utility program, the utility program for causing a portable device to utilize the guide information by relating the guide information with the user information and to display the site information on the map by matching the site positional information to the site information on the map;

utilizing information receiving means for receiving utilizing information for the utility program from the terminal;

driving means for executing the utility program in accordance with the utilizing information to obtain an execution result;

execution result transmitting means for
transmitting the execution result to the terminal;

as called for in claim 11.

It follows that Sibyama does not disclose or suggest the combination recited in claim 1 and therefore does not anticipate the claim.

Claim 12 depends from claim 11 and is distinguishable over Sibyama for at least the same reasons.

Independent claim 22 is directed to an information processing method having limitations similar to those set out in claim 11. Therefore, at least for the same reasons, claim 22 is patentably distinguishable over Sibyama.

Claim 23 depends from claim 22 and is distinguishable over the cited reference for the same reasons.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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